

VHCIP HEALTH CARE ACRONYMS

AA	Alcoholics Anonymous
AABD	Aid to Aged, Blind and Disabled
AAHA	American Association of Homes for the Aging
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges; Association of American Medical Clinics
AAMR	American Association on Mental Retardation
AAPPO	American Association of Preferred Provider Organizations
AAPS	American Association of Physicians and Surgeons
AARP	American Association of Retired People
AB	Aid to the Blind
ACA	Affordable Care Act
ACH	Accountable Community for Health
ACO	Accountable Care Organization
ACP	American College of Physicians
ACT 114	Involuntary medication statute
ACT 248	State statute on the supervision of incompetent and mentally retarded individuals
ACTT	Advancing Care Through Technology
AD	Administrative discharge
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act; American Dietetic Association; American Dental Association
ADD	Attention deficit disorder
ADS	Alternative delivery system
AFDC	Aid to families with dependent children
AFL	Authorized funding limit
AGPA	American Group Practice Association
AHA	American Hospital Association, American Heart Association
AHCPR	Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (federal)
AHEC	Area health education center
AHQC	American Health Quality Council
AHS	Agency of Human Services (VT)
AHSA	American Health Security Act
AHSAB	American Health Security Advisory Board

AMA	American Medical Association
AMCS	Automated medical coding system
AMI-VT	Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Vermont
ANA	American Nurses Association
ANCOR	American Network of Community Options and Resources
ANHA	American Nursing Homes Association
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
AOA	Agency of Administration (VT)
APA	American Pharmaceutical Association; Administrative Procedures Act
APC	Ambulatory patient classification; average projected cost
APD	Advance Planning Document
APDRG	All patient diagnosis related groups
APHA	American Public Health Associations; American Protestant Hospital Association
APSE	Association for Persons in Supported Employment
ARIS	Area Resources for Individualized Services
AT	Assistive technology
BAA	Business Associate Agreement
BCBSVT	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont
BCCH	Bipartisan Commission on Comprehensive Healthcare
BD	Behavior disordered
BHMO	Behavioral Health Management Organization
BIS	Behavioral information system
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics
BPHC	Bureau of Primary Health Care
CAN	Child abuse and neglect
CAH	Critical access hospital
CAHPS	Consumer assessment of health plans
CAP	Center Accreditation Project; Community Access Program (DS program of RMH); Community Action Program; Consumer Assistance Program
CARC	Champlain Association for Retarded Citizens or Champlain ARC
CARF	Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
CAT	Computerized axial tomography
CBA	Cost benefit analysis

CBO	Congressional Budget Office
CCHP	Consumer Choice Health Plan
CCM	Chronic Care Model
CCO	Coordinated care organization
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHAMPUS	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services
CHAMPVA	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Veterans Administration
CHAP	Catamount Health Assistance Program
CHBI	Commission on Health Benefits and Integration
CHCT	Council on Health Care Technology
CHIP	Child Health Insurance Program
CHMIS	Community health management information system
CHO	Comprehensive Health Organization
CHP	Certified Health Plan
CHPA	Community Health Purchasing Alliance
CHS	Community health center
CHSO	Comprehensive Health Services Organization
CHW	Community Health Worker
CIP	Competitive Incentive Program
CMC	Clara Martin Center
CMCM	Care Models and Care Management (VHCIP Work Group)
CME	Continuing medical education
CMHC	Community mental health center
CMHS	Center for Mental Health Services (federal)
CMMI	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (federal)
CMO	Case Management Organization
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (federal)
COB	Coordination of benefits; certificate of benefit
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1986
COC	Certificate of coverage, Change of Circumstances
COLA	Cost of Living Adjustment
CON	Certificate of need

COPC	Community oriented primary care
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CP	Cerebral palsy; certified provider
CPHA	Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities
CPR	Comparative performance reports, Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation
CPT-4	Current Procedural Terminology, Fourth Edition
CPS	Child Protective Services
CQI	Continuous quality improvement
CRT	Community rehabilitation and treatment for severely and persistently mentally ill
CSAC	Counseling Services of Addison County
CSP	Community support program
CT	Computer tomographic (scanners)
CUPS	Children's Upstream Services (for mental health care)
CVCA	Central Vermont Council on Aging
CVCAC	Central Vermont Community Action Council
CVH	Central Vermont Hospital (Central Vermont Medical Center)
CVS	Champlain Vocational Services
CVSAS	Central Vermont Substance Abuse Services

DA	Designated agency for developmental and mental health services
DAD	Vermont Department of Aging and Disability
DAIL	Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (VT)
DCF	Department for Children and Families (VT)
DD	Developmental disability
DDC	Developmental Disabilities Council
DDMHS	Department of Developmental and Mental Health Services (VT)
DEA	Drug Enforcement Agency
DFR	Department of Financial Regulation (VT)
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services (federal)
DHMC	Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center
DLP	Disability Law Project
DME	Durable medical equipment
DMH	Department of Mental Health (VT)
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
DO	District Office (VDH – VT)

DOB	Date of Birth
DOC	Department of Corrections (VT)
DOE	Department of Education (VT)
DOL	Department of Labor (VT)
DOS	Date of service
DPOA/HC	Durable power of attorney for healthcare
DRA	Deficit Reduction Act (federal)
DRG	Diagnosis related groups
DS	Developmental services (includes mental retardation and pervasive developmental disabilities)
DSM III	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders Version III
DVHA	Department of Vermont Health Access

E-bed	Emergency bed
ECF	Extended care facility
ECM	Electronic claims management
ED	Emergency Department
EDI	Electronic data interchange
EDS	Electronic data systems
EEE	Essential Early Education
EEG	Electroencephalogram
EEO	Equal Opportunity Employer
EHA	The Education for all Handicapped Children Act (federal - Public Law 94-142)
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EKG	Electrocardiogram
EMR	Electronic Medical Record
EMS	Emergency medical services
EPA	Exclusive provider arrangement
EPO	Exclusive provider organizations
ER	Emergency room; experience rating
ERISA	Employee Retirement Income Security Act (federal)
EQRO	External quality review organization
ESRD	End stage renal disease

FAC	Freestanding ambulatory center
FAH	Federation of American Hospitals
FAQs	Frequently Asked Questions
FDA	Food and Drug Administration (federal)
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (federal)
FI	Fiscal intermediary
FICA	Federal Insurance Contributions Act (federal)
FF	Families First
FFF	Flexible Family Funding
FFP	Federal financial participation
FFS	Fee for service
FFY	Federal fiscal year
FMAP	Federal medical assistance percentage
FNP	Family Nurse Practitioner
FOA	Funding Opportunity Announcement
FP	For profit
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
FTC	Federal Trade Commission (federal)
FTE	Full time equivalents
FY	Fiscal year
GAD	Government Affairs Division
GAF	Global assessment of functioning
GAO	Government Accounting Office (federal)
GCW	Governor's Commission on Women (VT)
GDEA	Generic Drug Enforcement Act (federal)
GEP	General enrollment period
GF	General fund
GH	Group home
GMPP	Green Mountain Prevention Projects
GNP	Gross national product
GME	Graduate Medical Education
GMSA	Green Mountain Self-Advocate

GOVnet	The State of Vermont's statewide communication infrastructure
GP	General Practitioner
GPO	Group Purchasing Organization
HA	Health alliance
HARC	Hartford Area Regional Collaborative
HBP	Hospital based plan
HCBS	Home and Community-Based Services
HCBW	Home and Community-Based Waiver
HCHS	Howard Center for Human Services
HCRS	Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont
HCS	Howard Community Services
HEDIS	Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set
HHA	Home Health Agency
(D)HHS	Department of Health and Human Services (federal)
HI	Home Intervention
HIAA	Health Insurance Association of America
HICN	Health insurance claim number
HIE	Health Information Exchange (Also VHCIP Work Group)
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (federal)
HIT	Health Information Technology
HJR	House joint resolution
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HPO	Hospital Physician Organization
HPPC	Health plan purchasing cooperative
HQIA	Healthcare Quality Improvement Act (federal)
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
HSA	Health Savings Account, Health systems agency
HUD	Housing and Urban Development (federal)
I & R	Information and referral
IADL	Instrumental activities of daily living

ICCS	International classification of clinical services
ICD-9	International Classification of Diseases, Revision 9
ICD-10	International Classification of Diseases, Revision 10
ICD-11	International Classification of Diseases, Revision 11
ICDA	International classification of diseases, adapted
ICF	Intermediate care facility
ICFMR	Intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded
ICS	Information and computer services
ICU	Intensive care unit
IDS	Integrated delivery system
IEP	Individualized education program; initial enrollment period
IFSP	Individual family services plan
IG	Inspector General (also, OIG) (federal)
IOM	Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences
IP	Inpatient
IPA	Independent Practice Association; Individual Practice Association
IPP	Individual program plan
IPR	Independent professional review
IPS	Individual Placement and Support (model for Supported Employment); integrated practice system
IRS	Internal Revenue Services (federal)
ISA	Individual support agreement
ISC	Integrated systems of care
ISN	Integrated services network
ISO	Intermediary service organization
IV&V	Independent Validation and Verification
JCAH	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
JL	Consent decree governing involuntary medication
JR	Judicial review
LCMH	Lamoille County Mental Health
LEA	Local education agency

LIT	Local interagency team
LOS	Length of stay
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
LRE	Least restrictive environment
LTC	Long term care
LTCF	Long term care facility
LVN	Licensed Vocational Nurse
MA	Medical assistance
MCAT	Medical college admission test
MCIS	Managed care information system
MCOs	Managed care organizations
MCH	Maternal and child health program
MCP	Managed care plan
MDS	Nursing home minimum data set
MEAB	Medicare and Exchange Advisory Board (VT)
MH	Mental health
MHA	Mental Health Association
MHSA	Mental health and substance abuse
MI	Mentally impaired/ill/indigent
MIS	Management information system
MMIS	Medicaid management information system
MOU	Memorandum of understanding
MR	Mental retardation
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
MRR	Medical records research
MSA	Medical savings account; metropolitan statistical areas
MSR	Monthly service report
NA	Narcotics Anonymous
NACo	National Association of Counties
NAEHCA	National Association of Employers on Health Care Action

NAHC	National Association for Home Care
NAHDO	National Association of Health Care Organizations
NAMI	National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
NAPH	National Association of Public Hospitals
NAPPH	National Association of Private Psychiatric Hospitals
NAS	National Academy of Science
NASDDS	National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services
NASHP	National Academy for State Health Policy
NASMHPD	National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
NASW	National Association of Social Workers
NCCBH	National Council of Community Behavioral Health
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics (federal)
NCHSR/HCTA	National Center for Health Services Research/Health Care Technology Assessment (federal)
NCI	National Cancer Institute (federal)
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance
NCSS	Northwestern Counseling & Support Services
NDC	National drug code
NGA	National Governor's Association
NICU	Neonatal intensive care unit
NIMH	National Institute of Mental Health (federal)
NMHA	National Mental Health Association (federal)
NP	Nurse Practitioner
NPI	National Provider Identifier
NPRM	Notice of proposed rulemaking
OAA	Old age assistance
OASIS	Outcomes assessment and information set
OBRA '90	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (federal)
OEO	Office of Economic Opportunity ((federal/VT)
OIG	Office of the Inspector General (federal)
OMB	Office of Management and Budget (federal)
ONC	Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (federal)

OPD	Outpatient Department
OT	Occupational therapy
OTC	Over the Counter
P4P	Pay for Performance
P&A	Protection & advocacy
PATH	Department of Prevention, Assistance, Transition and Health Access; Program to Assist in the Transition from Homelessness (federal)
PCA	Primary Care Association
PCCM	Primary care case management
PCMH	Patient Centered Medical Home
PCN	Primary care network
PCO	Primary Care Office
PCP	Primary Care Physician
PDD	Pervasive developmental disorder
PDP	Prescription Drug Plan
PDSA	Plan-Do-Study-Act
Ph.D.	A Doctoral degree
PHI	Protected Health Information
PHO	Physician-Hospital Organization
PHWG	Population Health (VHCIP Work Group)
PIC	Parent Information Center
PII	Personally Identifiable Information
PIP	Performance Indicator Project (for mental health); periodic interim payment
PMPM	Per member per month
PMPY	Per member per year
PMWG	Payment Models (VHCIP Work Group)
POS	Point of sale or point of service
PPACA	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (federal)
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization
PRWORA	Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (federal)
PT	Physical therapy or physical therapist
QA	Quality assurance

QAAC	Quality assurance and assessment committee
QAP	Quality assurance program
QDDP	Qualified Developmental Disabilities Professional
QHP	Qualified Health Plan
QI	Quality improvement
QMHP	Qualified Mental Health Professional
QMRP	Qualified Mental Retardation Professional
QOL	Quality of life
QPM	Quality and Performance Measures (VHCIP Work Group)
QSOA	Qualified Service Organization Agreement
RA	Remittance Advice
R&C	Reasonable and customary
R&R	Resource and referral
R&S	Research and statistics
REV/ONH	Revocation of an order of non-hospitalization
RFI	Request for Information
RFP	Request for proposals
RMHS	Rutland Mental Health Services
RN	Registered nurse
ROA	Return on assets
ROI	Return on Investment
RRC	Regional resource centers
RWJF	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (federal)
SBC	Summary of Benefits Coverage
SBS/SX6	Success Beyond Six/Success By Six
SCC	Specialized Community Care
SD	Self-Determination
SEA	State education agency
SED	Seriously emotionally disturbed
SGO	Surgeon General's Office (federal)

SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SRS	Social and Rehabilitation Services
SS	Social Services
SSA	Social Security Administration; Specialized Service Agency for the Department of Developmental and Mental Health Services (federal)
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SSI	Supplemental Security Insurance
SSN	Social Security number

T&TA	Training and technical assistance; technology assessment
TBI	Traumatic brain injury
TDOC	Total days of care
TEFRA '82	Tax Equity & Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (federal)
TEFT	Testing, Experience and Functional Tools
TPA	Third party administrator
TPCM	Third party claims management
TPL	Third party liability
TQM	Total quality management
Tx	Treatment

UAP	University Affiliated Program for Developmental Disabilities
UB	Uniform billing or uniform bill
UM	Utilization management
UR	Utilization review
URAC	Utilization Review Accreditation Commission
USC	United States code
UVS	Upper Valley Services

VA	Veteran's Administration (federal)
VAHHA	Vermont Assembly of Home Health Agencies, Inc.
VAHHS	Vermont Association of Hospitals & Health Systems
VAMH	Vermont Association for Mental Health
VBAC	Vaginal Birth After C-Section

VCDC	Vermont Community Diabetes Collaborative
VCDMHS	Vermont Council of Developmental and Mental Health Services
VCDR	Vermont Coalition for Disability Rights
VCF	Vermont Children's Forum
VCHIP	Vermont Child Health Improvement Project
VCIL	Vermont Center for Independent Living
VCIN	Vermont Crisis Intervention Network
VHAP	Vermont Health Access Program
VHC	Vermont Health Connect (VT)
VHCA	Vermont Health Care Association
VHCIP	Vermont Health Care Innovation Project
VHCURES	Vermont Healthcare Claims Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System
VHPSI	VT Hospital Preventative Services Initiative
VITL	Vermont Information Technology Leaders
VNA	Visiting Nurse Association
VP&A	Vermont Protection and Advocacy
VPQHC	Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care
VPS	Vermont Psychiatric Survivors
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
VSH	Vermont State Hospital
VSL	Vermont Supported Living
WC	Worker's compensation
WCMHS	Washington County Mental Health Services
WIC	Women, Infants and Children

Information Sources

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Appendix 3, Glossary, Vermont Business Roundtable

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